

One of the most well-known lines in all of Scripture is in today's Gospel – John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life.

This verse may be well-known to our ears, but is it well-known to our hearts? Have we really internalized these words and do we believe them? Take a moment to ponder this verse - because it is truly the foundation of our lives and of our faith. These are incredibly powerful words! Bottom line – ***God our Father loves us and loves us so profoundly*** – so much so that He sent His Son Jesus to be with us and to save us so that we may be with Him forever and always!! Jesus, the very light of the world, came to be with us to shine His light and lead us out of the darkness into the light of His Father's immense love. Jesus knew the depth of His Father's love for Him and so ***in all things*** He followed His Father's will, even to the point of being lifted up on the cross.

We have been given such an incredible gift. During these last few weeks of Lent, let us pray for the grace to come to truly know our Father's amazing love for each one of us, to internalize this love, and then be so moved by this love that we too ***in all things*** will follow our Father's will.

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